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SUBJ: PROPOSAL FOR FEBRUARY MEETING OF OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP
ON COMMODITIES (HLGC)

REF: STATE 13335

1. WE DISCUSSED PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL WITH PAT MCCABE, COUNSELOR AT IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MCCABE WAS FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH GROUP B PAPER ON OBJECTIVES AND TECHNIQUES OF COMMODITY POLICY AS WELL AS WITH GENERAL ISSUES INVOLVED.

2. MCCABE SAID THAT IRISH GOVERNMENT (AS WELL AS DUTCH AND DANISH GOVERNMENTS, HE BELIEVES) REGARDS GROUP B PAPER AS BEING SERIOUSLY DEFICIENT. IT IS NOT, HE SAID, COHESIVE, AND IT DOES NOT MEET LDC NEEDS. SPECIFICALLY, IT IS VAGUE ON COMMODITIES AND ON THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM. THE IRISH REGARD IT AS "TENTATIVE" AND LITTLE MORE THAN A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR DISCUSSIONS. MCCABE NOTED THAT IRELAND'S FINAL POSITION WOULD BE INFLUENCED STRONGLY BY THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE EC AS A WHOLE, AND THAT POSITION IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FORMULATED.

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3. COMMENT: IRISH ATTITUDE TOWARD LDC ISSUES TENDS

TO BE "LIBERAL" AND THAT IS REFLECTED IN MCCABE'S
PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON GROUP B PAPER, IRISH MIGHT GO
ALONG WITH IDEA OF USING PAPER AS STARTING POINT IN
OECD HLGC, PROVIDING IT IS NO MORE THAN POINT OF
DEPARTURE.
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